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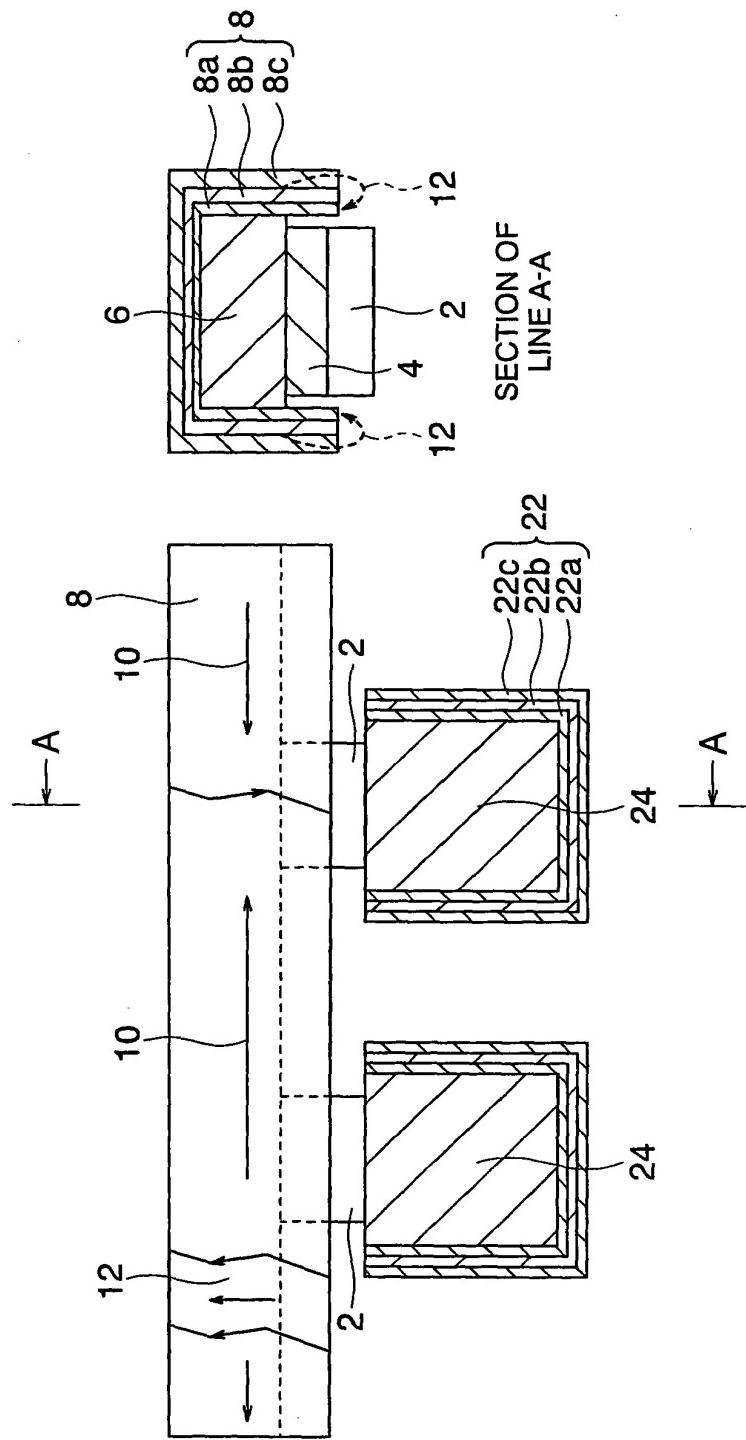
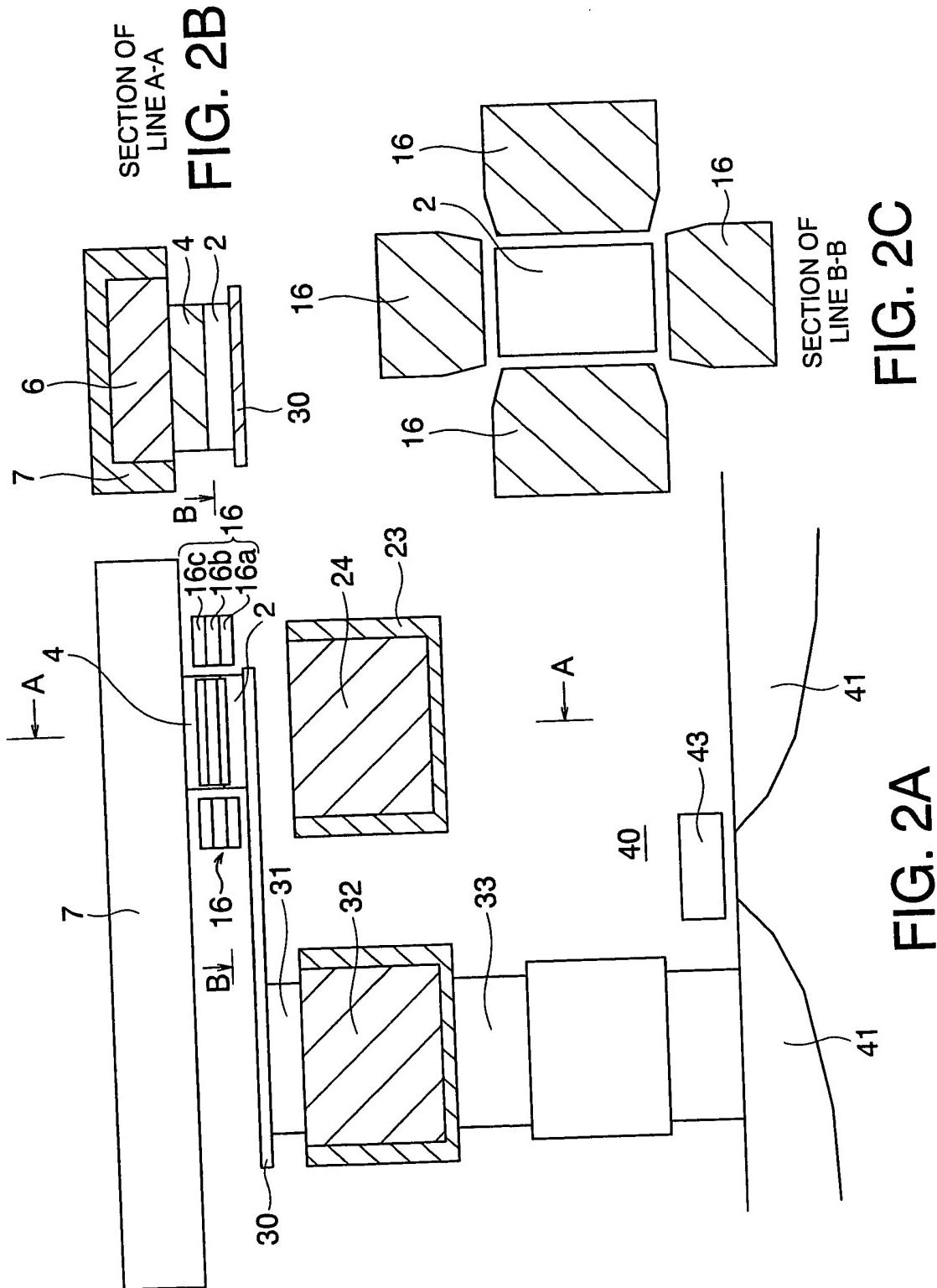


FIG. 1B
FIG. 1A



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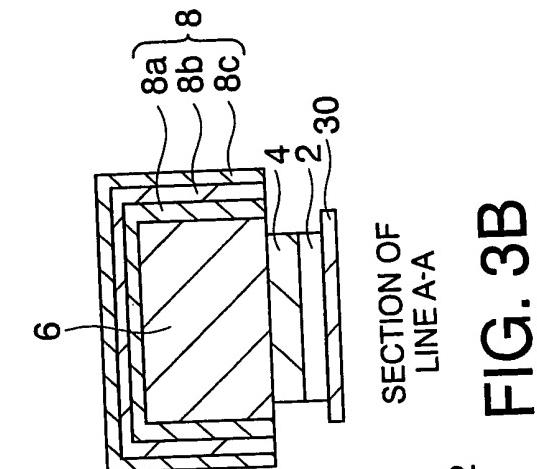


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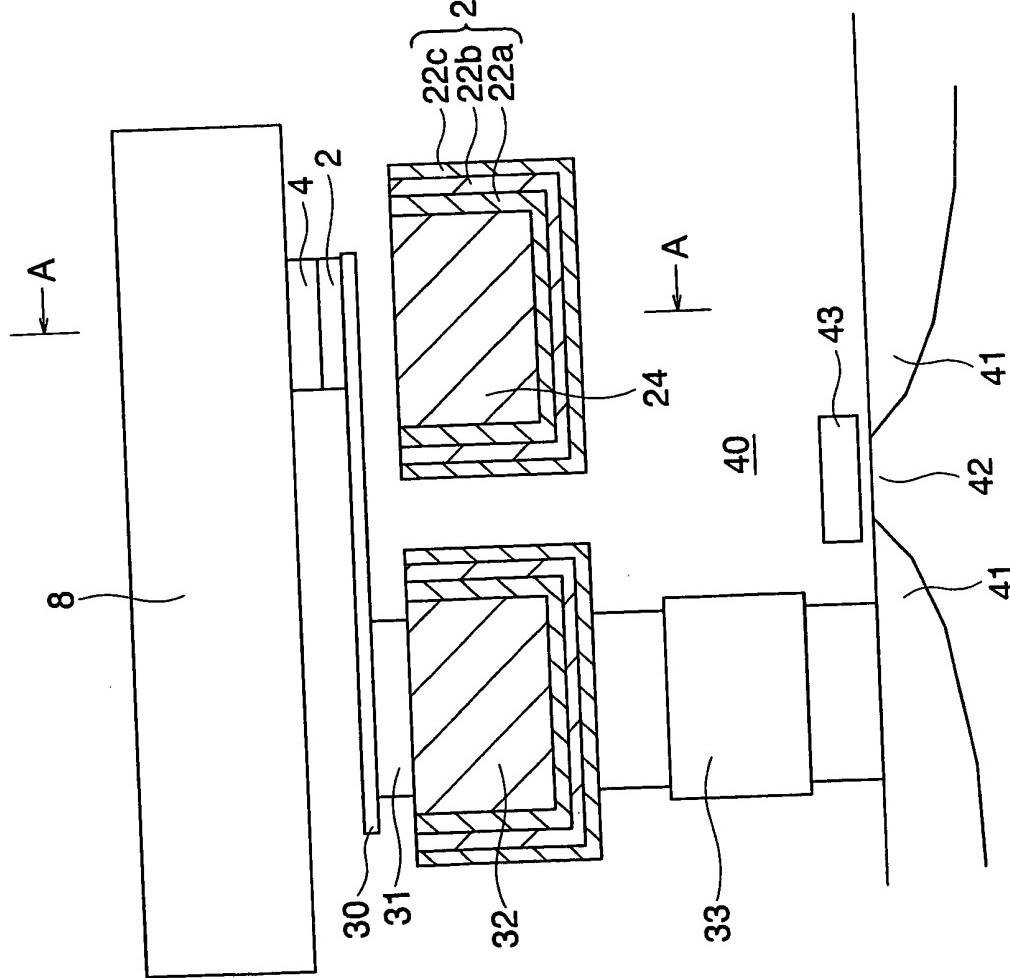


FIG. 3A

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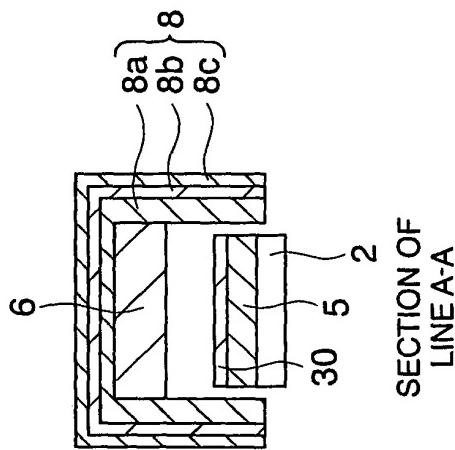


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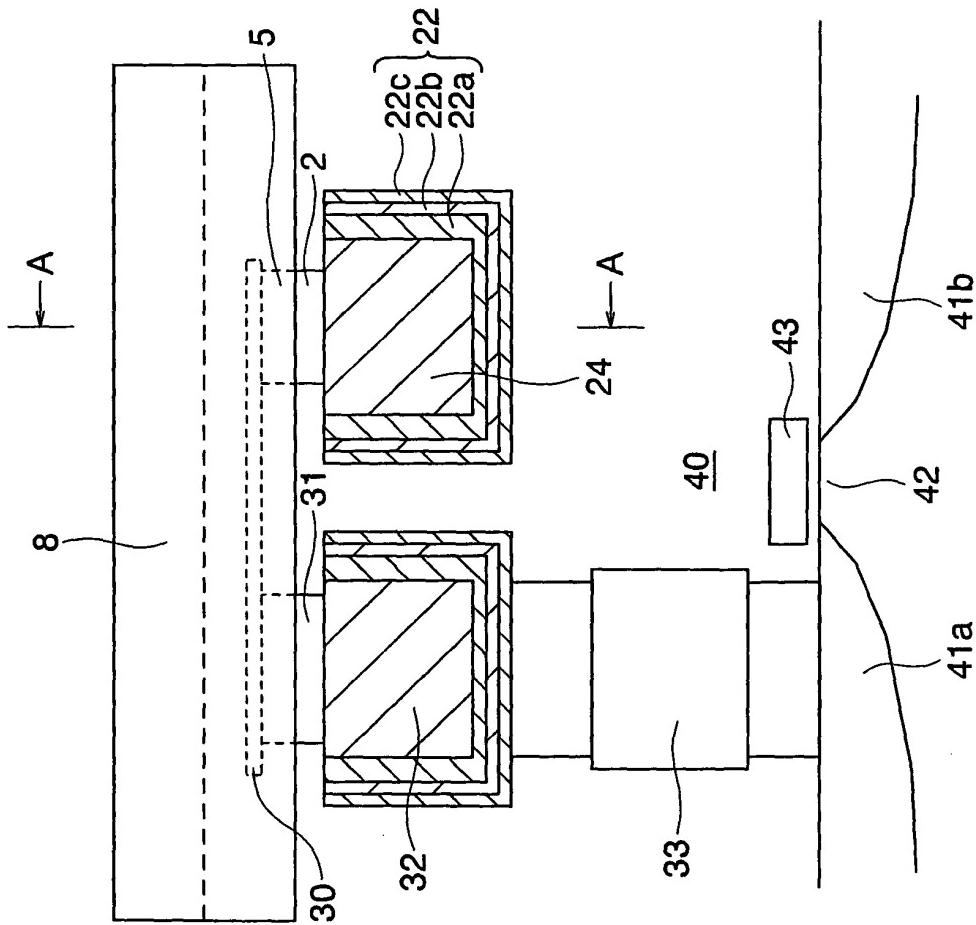


FIG. 4A

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FIG. 5A

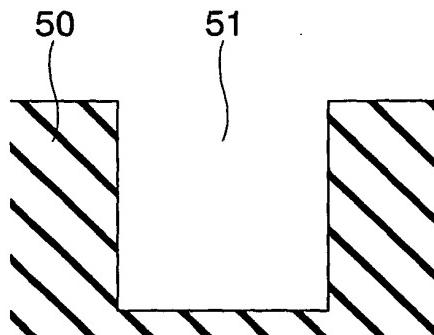


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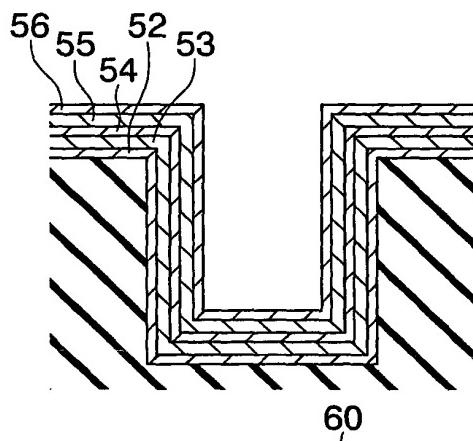


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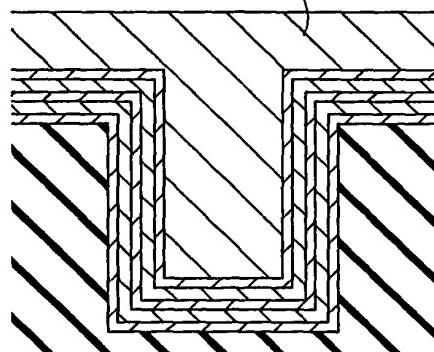
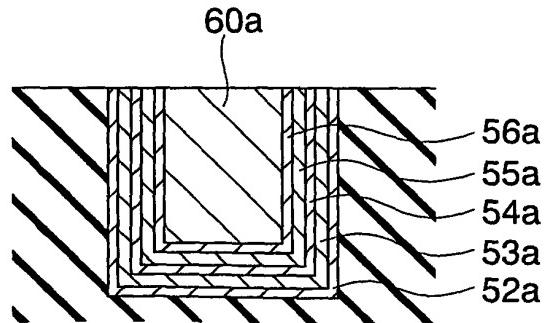


FIG. 5D



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FIG. 6A

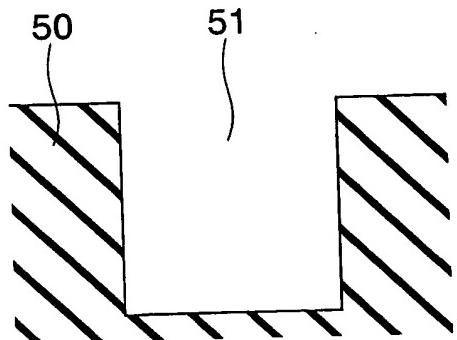


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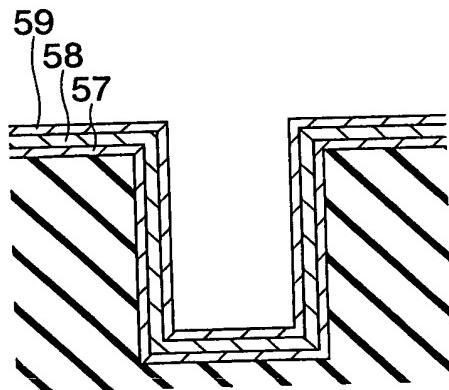


FIG. 6C

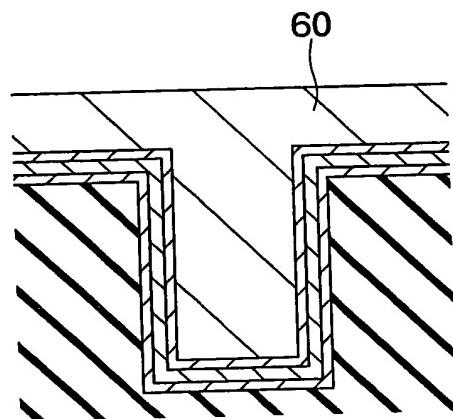
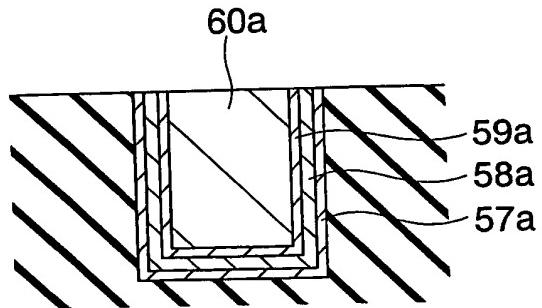


FIG. 6D



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FLUCTUATIONS IN SWITCHING MAGNETIC FIELD dH_c
AND OFFSET MAGNETIC FIELD dH_{off}

	YODE STRUCTURE	dH_c (Oe)	dH_{off} (Oe)
EXAMPLE 1	Ni ₈₀ Fe ₂₀ /Ta/Ni ₈₀ Fe ₂₀	8.9	7.3
MODIFIED EXAMPLE	CO _{70.5} Fe _{4.5} Si ₁₅ B ₁₀ /TaN/Ni ₈₀ Fe ₂₀	8.1	6.6
COMPARATIVE EXAMPLE 1	Ni ₈₀ Fe ₂₀	19.4	20.3
COMPARATIVE EXAMPLE 2	CO _{70.5} Fe _{4.5} Si ₁₅ B ₁₀	16.4	18.3

FIG. 7

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FIG. 8A

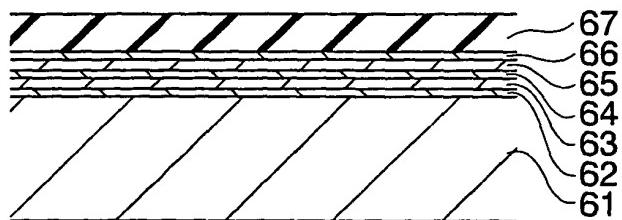


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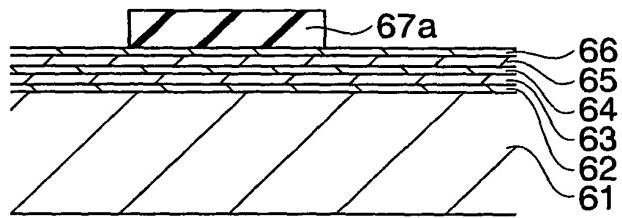


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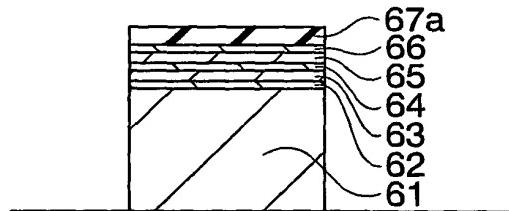


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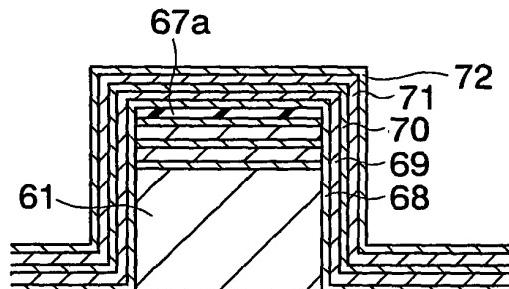
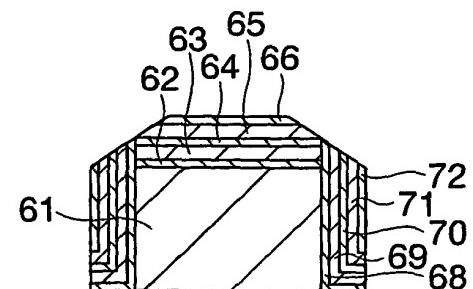


FIG. 8E



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FLUCTUATIONS IN SWITCHING MAGNETIC FIELD dH_c
AND OFFSET MAGNETIC FIELD dH_{off}

	YOKE STRUCTURE	dH_c (Oe)	dH_{off} (Oe)
EXAMPLE 2	$Ni_{81}Fe_{19}/Ta/Ni_{81}Fe_{19}$	8.2	7.8
MODIFIED EXAMPLE	$Ni_{81}Fe_{19}/TaN/CO_{87}Nb_5Zr_8$	7.8	8.1
COMPARATIVE EXAMPLE 1	$Ni_{81}Fe_{19}$	17.6	18.3
COMPARATIVE EXAMPLE 2	$CO_{87}Nb_5Zr_8$	17.7	19.1

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FIG. 10A

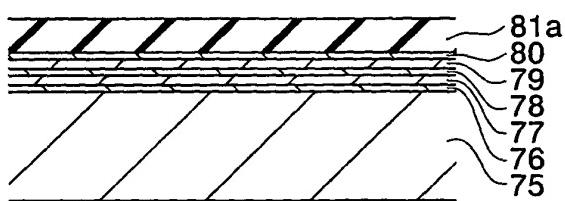


FIG. 10E

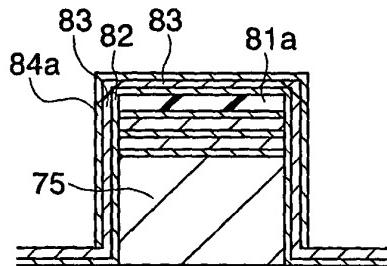


FIG. 10B

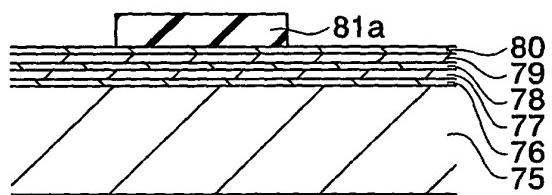


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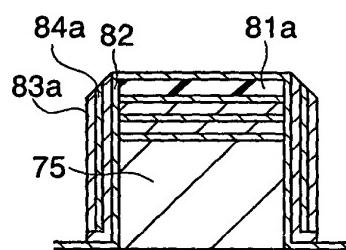


FIG. 10C

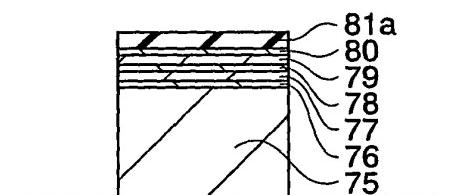


FIG. 10G

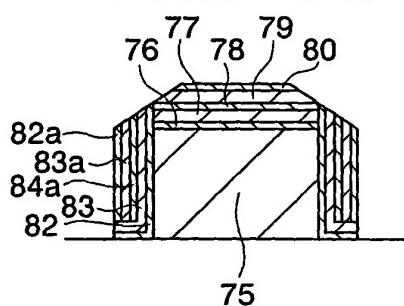
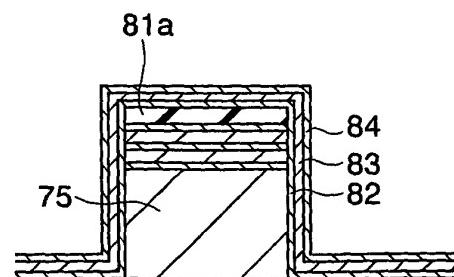


FIG. 10D



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FLUCTUATIONS IN SWITCHING MAGNETIC FIELD dH_c
AND OFFSET MAGNETIC FIELD dH_{off}

	YODE STRUCTURE	dH_c (Oe)	dH_{off} (Oe)
EXAMPLE 3	$Ni_{81}Fe_{19}/Ta/Ni_{81}Fe_{19}$	9.4	8.1
MODIFIED EXAMPLE	$Ni_{81}Fe_{19}/TaN/Fe_{90}Cu_1Zr_7B_2$	7.7	9.1
COMPARATIVE EXAMPLE 1	$Ni_{81}Fe_{19}$	18.1	17.9
COMPARATIVE EXAMPLE 2	$Fe_{90}Cu_1Zr_7B_2$	13.2	15.9

FIG. 11

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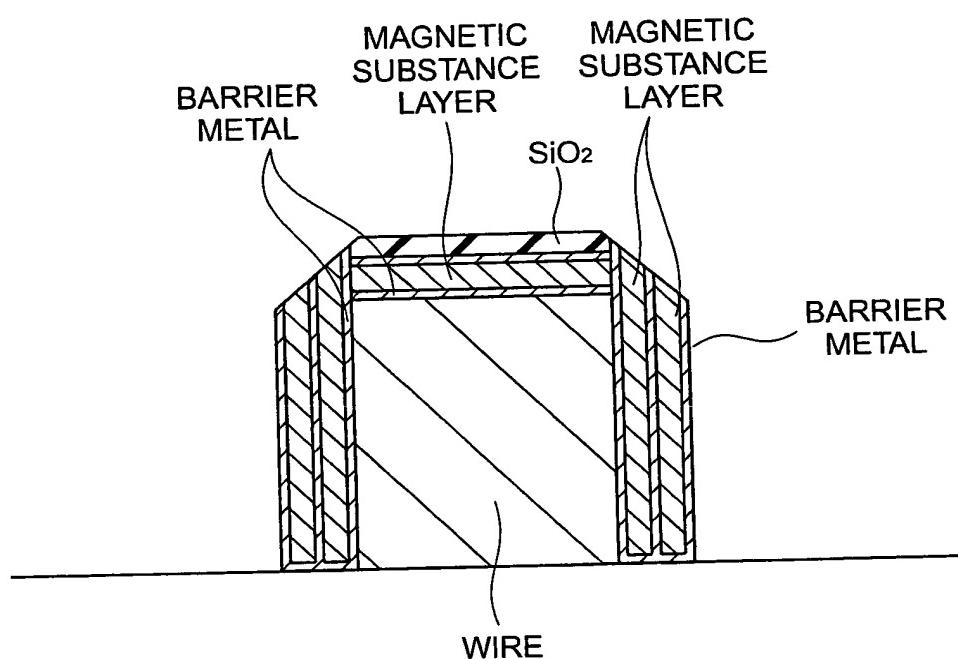


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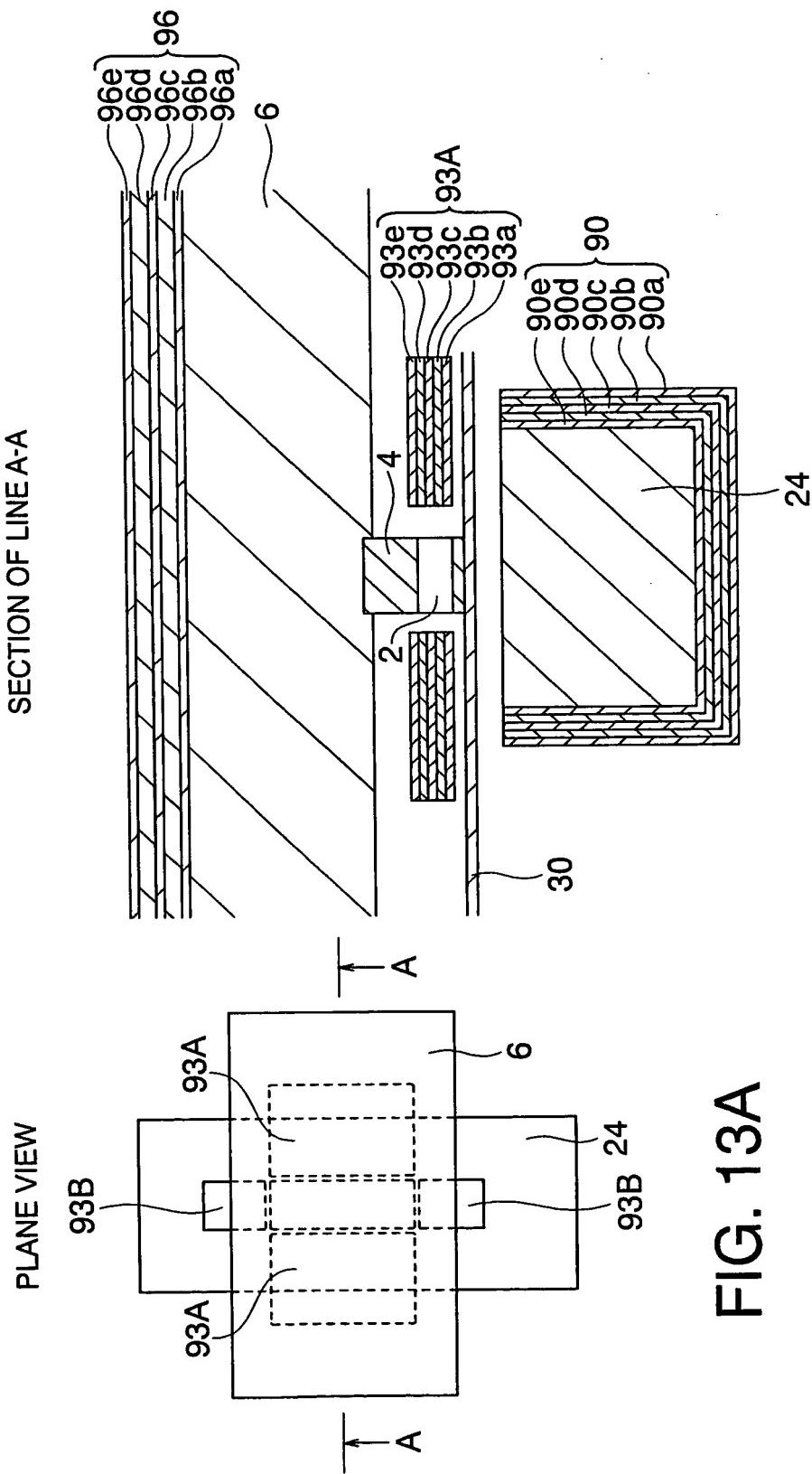


FIG. 13A

FIG. 13B

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FLUCTUATIONS IN SWITCHING MAGNETIC FIELD dH_c
AND OFFSET MAGNETIC FIELD dH_{off}

	YODE STRUCTURE	dH_c (Oe)	dH_{off} (Oe)
EXAMPLE 4	Ni ₈₁ Fe ₁₉ /Ta/Ni ₈₁ Fe ₁₉	8.2	7.8
MODIFIED EXAMPLE	Ni ₈₁ Fe ₁₉ /TaN/Co ₈₇ Nb ₅ Zr ₈	8.5	7.4
COMPARATIVE EXAMPLE 1	Ni ₈₁ Fe ₁₉	17.8	16.3
COMPARATIVE EXAMPLE 2	Co ₈₇ Nb ₅ Zr ₈	15.4	18.3

FIG. 14

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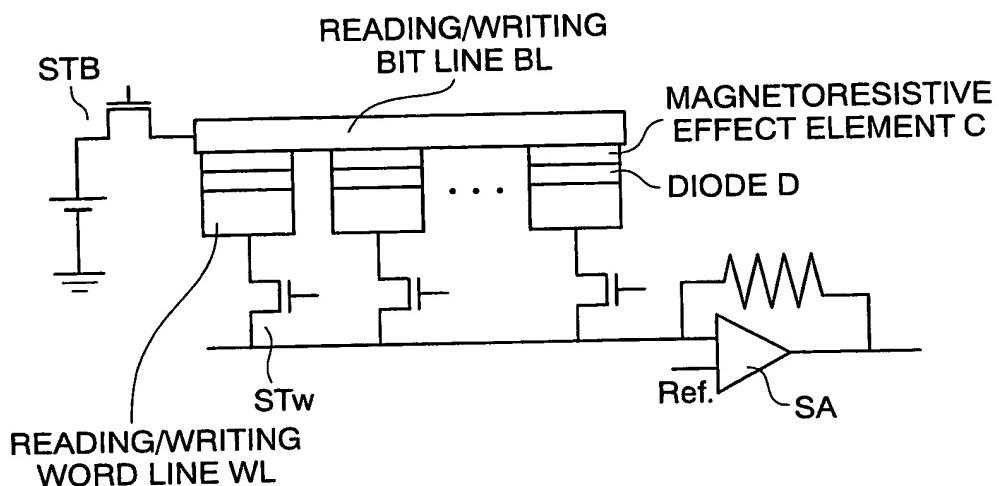


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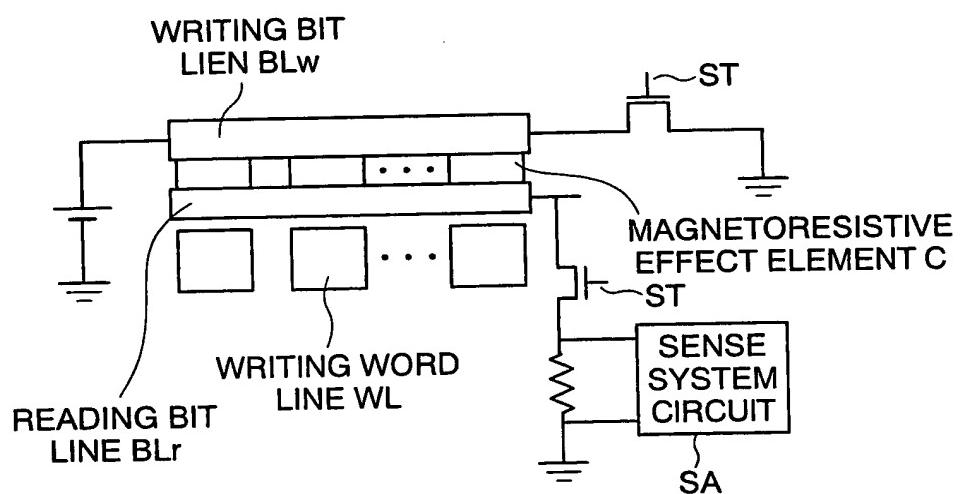


FIG. 16

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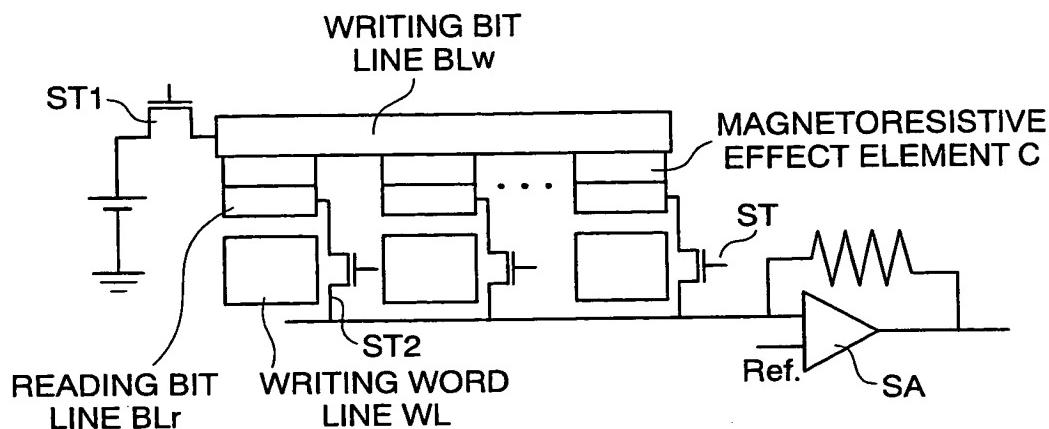


FIG. 17

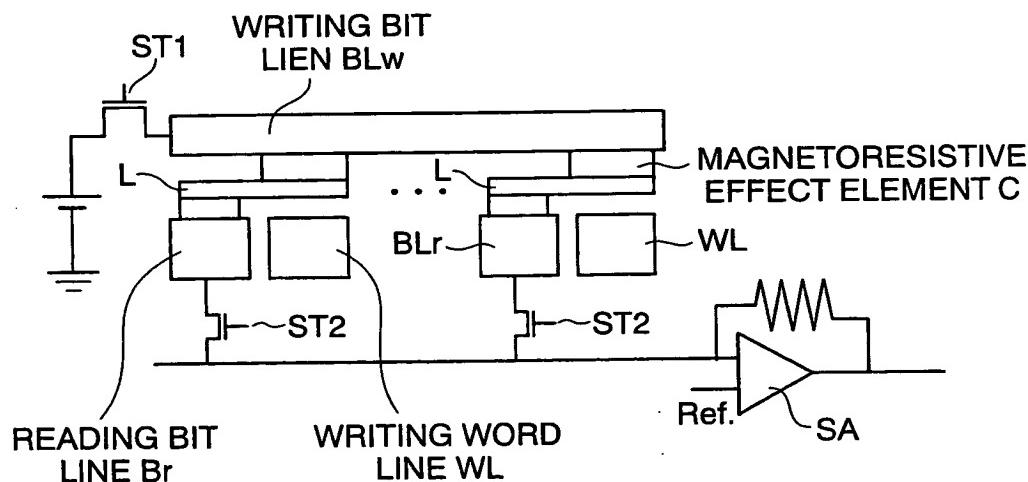


FIG. 18

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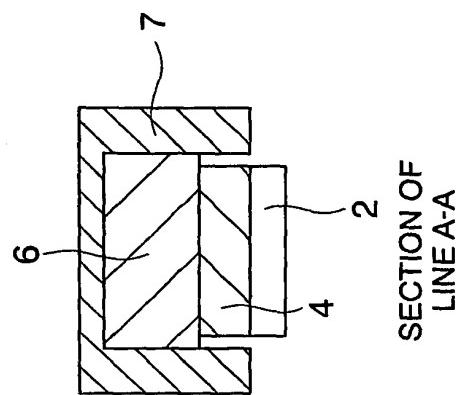


FIG. 19B

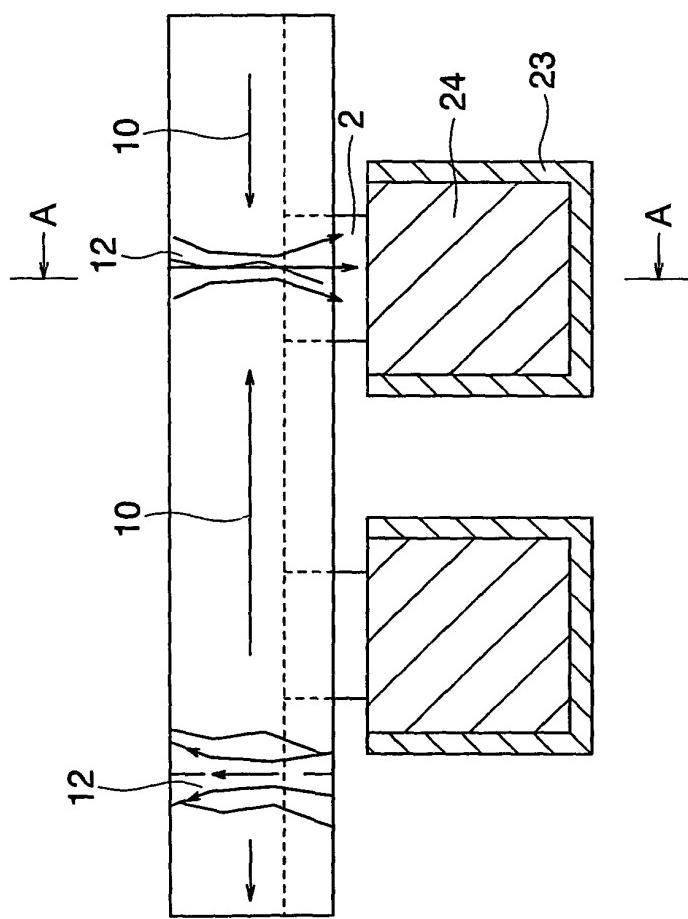


FIG. 19A